

Applications for captive coal mining

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of industries have applied for captive coal mines;

(b) if so, the names of the industries alongwith dates of sending their applications;

(c) whether Government have taken any decision on these applications so far;

(d) if so, the number of applications on which decision has not been taken till the end of June, 2001; and

(e) the steps taken to give clearance to the pending applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) Coal mining blocks have been identified by Coal India Limited and Singareni Collieries Company Ltd., with the approval of their respective Boards, for allocation to public/private sector companies for manufacture of iron and steel, generation of power and production of cement on captive basis at present. Applications received for allocation of blocks from various parties are considered by the Screening Committee headed by the Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Coal. The first meeting of the Screening Committee had taken place in July, 1993 and the last meeting of the Committee has taken place in May, 2001. As on 10.7.01, 27 Coal mining blocks stand allotted to various public/private sector companies for aforementioned captive uses as per the details given in the statement. [Refer to the statement appended to the answer Unstarred Question No. 1086 (a) and (b)]

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(d) and (e) Four applications meeting the procedural requirements have been received till June, 2001 from various parties for allocation of coal mining blocks for specified end uses after the last meeting of the Screening Committee held on 31.5.01. These applications, along with other such applications, if received subsequently, will be considered by the Screening Committee when it meets next.

Sale of coal on contract basis

† 1088. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is going to start sale of coal on contract basis shortly;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the category of entrepreneurs who will be benefited by this decision;
- (d) whether Government would like to reconsider its decision in the interest of small entrepreneurs;
- (e) if so, the time scheduled thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Sale of coal to non-core sector consumers is being decentralised by Coal India Ltd. (CIL) to its producing subsidiary companies. One option for sale to this sector would be through bilateral agreements to be entered into between the supplying subsidiary company and the customer.

(b) The objective is to ensure commitments on the part of buyer as well as seller.

(c) All categories of customers stand to benefit within the frame work of the systems and procedures which are transparent, simplified and customer friendly.

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